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ON NON-SINGULAR FPF-RINGS I

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A ring R is right finitely pseudo Frobenius (FPF) if every finitely generated faithful right R -module generates the category of right R -modules. In [2], C. Faith has shown that a commutative ring R is FPF if and only if (1) The total quotient ring K of R is injective, and (2) Every finitely generated faithful ideal is projective. In particular, as in case that R is a commutative semiprime ring, he has also shown that R is FPF if and only if the total quotient ring K of R is injective and R is semihereditary.

On the other hand, S. Page [8] has proved that a (Von Neumann) regular ring R is (right) FPF if and only if R is isomorphic to a finite direct product of full matrix rings over abelian regular self-injective rings. Therefore we shall require a characterization of arbitrary FPF-rings, which involves above results.

In this paper, we shall concern with non-singular rings. In section 1, we shall give a characterization of non-singular (resp. semihereditary) FPF-rings, which involves the theorems of C. Faith and S. Page. Further we shall give another characterization of commutative semiprime FPF-rings. In section 2, we shall present some examples.

0. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we assume that a ring R has identity and all modules are unitary.

Let R be a ring and M (resp. N) be a right (resp. left) R -module. Then we use $r_R(M)$ (resp. $l_R(N)$) to denote the right (resp. left) annihilator ideal of M (resp. N), and we use $Tr_R(M)$ to denote the trace ideal of M , i.e. $Tr_R(M) = \sum_{f \in M^*} f(M)$, where M^* means that the dual module of M . Further we use $Z_r(M)$ to denote the singular submodule of M , and $L_r(M)$ (resp. $L_l(N)$) to denote the lattice of right (resp. left) R -submodules of M (resp. N).

For any right R -module M , M is said to have the extending property of modules for $L_r(M)$ if for any A in $L_r(M)$, there exists a direct summand A^* of M such that $A \subseteq_e A^*$, where the notation $A \subseteq_e A^*$ means that A is an essential submodule of A^* .

For any ring R , we use $B(R)$ to denote the set of all central idempotents

in R , and we use $BS(R)$ to denote the collection of all maximal ideal of $B(R)$.

A ring R is said to be right bounded if every essential right ideal contains a nonzero two-sided ideal which is essential as a right ideal. In section 1, if R is a non-singular ring, we shall show an elementary property of right bounded ring.

1. A characterization of non-singular FPF-rings

The purpose of this section is to give a characterization of non-singular FPF-rings. First we prepare some lemmas.

We recall that a ring R is right bounded if every essential right ideal contains a nonzero two-sided ideal of R which is essential as a right ideal.

Lemma 1. *For a non-singular ring R , the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) R is right bounded.
- (2) For any finitely generated right R -module M , $r_R(Z_r(M)) \subseteq_e R_R$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let B be a complement submodule of $Z_r(M)$ in M . Then since $M/(Z_r(M) \oplus B)$ and $(Z_r(M) \oplus B)/B$ are singular right R -modules, so that M/B is also singular. Let $\bar{m}_1, \bar{m}_2, \dots, \bar{m}_n$ be a set of generators of M/B . Then $r_R(M/B) = \bigcap_i r_i(\bar{m}_i R)$ is an essential right ideal of R , because R is right bounded and $r_R(\bar{m}_i)$ is an essential right ideal. On the other hand, since $Z_r(M) \cong (Z_r(M) \oplus B)/B \leq M/B$, we conclude that $r_R(Z_r(M))$ is an essential ideal of R . (2) \Rightarrow (1). Let I be an essential right ideal of R . Then since R/I is a cyclic singular right R -module, (2) implies that $r_R(R/I) \subseteq_e R_R$. Thus R is right bounded.

Lemma 2. *Let R be a right non-singular right bounded ring. Then for any finitely generated right R -module M , M is a faithful right R -module if and only if $M/Z_r(M)$ is a faithful right R -module.*

Proof. First we assume that M is a faithful right R -module and set $I = r_R(Z_r(M)) \cap r_R(M/Z_r(M))$. Choose an element a of I , then $M \cdot a \cdot r_R(Z_r(M)) = 0$. Thus $a \cdot r_R(Z_r(M)) = 0$ since M is faithful. While by Lemma 1, $r_R(Z_r(M))$ is an essential right ideal of R , so a must be zero since R is right non-singular. Hence $I = 0$. Moreover since $r_R(Z_r(M))$ is an essential right ideal of R , we conclude that $M/Z_r(M)$ is a faithful right R -module. Conversely, if $M/Z_r(M)$ is faithful, then evidently M is faithful.

Lemma 3 ([5, Proposition 1]). *Let R be a non-singular right FPF-ring. Then R is right bounded.*

Proof. See [5].

Lemma 4 ([8, Corollary]). *Let R be a non-singular right FPF-ring and let Q be the maximal right quotient ring of R . Then the multiplication map $Q \otimes_R Q \cong Q$ is an isomorphism and Q is flat as a right R -module.*

Proof. See [8].

Now we can give a characterization of non-singular FPF-rings.

Theorem 1. *Let R be a ring and Q be the maximal right quotient ring of R . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) *R is a non-singular right FPF-ring.*
- (2)
 - (i) *R is right bounded.*
 - (ii) *The multiplication map $Q \otimes_R Q \cong Q$ is an isomorphism and Q is flat as a right R -module.*
 - (iii) *For any finitely generated right ideal I of R , $Tr_R(I) \oplus r_R(I) = R$ (as ideals).*

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). (i) and (ii) are evident by Lemmas 3 and 4. In order to prove (iii), let I be a finitely generated right ideal of R . First we claim that $r_R(I) = eR$ for some central idempotent e of R . It is easy to see that $r_R(I) = r_Q(I) \cap R$ and $r_Q(I) = eQ$ for some central idempotent e of Q since Q is a regular right self-injective ring. While [9, proposition 3] shows that $B(R) = B(Q)$. Hence $r_R(I) = eR$. Now I is a finitely generated faithful right ideal of $(1-e)R$. Since $(1-e)R$ is also a non-singular right FPF-ring, we see that $Tr_{(1-e)R}(I) = (1-e)R$. Note that $Tr_R(I) = Tr_{(1-e)R}(I) = (1-e)R$. Therefore $Tr_R(I) \oplus r_R(I) = eR \oplus (1-e)R = R$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). First we shall show that R is a right non-singular ring. Let x be an element of $Z_r(R)$. By (iii), $Tr_R(xR) = eR$ for some central idempotent e of R . It can be easily seen that $Tr_R(xR) \subseteq Z_r(R)$, hence e is in $Z_r(R)$. This implies $e = 0$, so $Z_r(R) = 0$. Now let M be a finitely generated faithful right R -module. Since R is a right bounded ring, by Lemma 2, $M/Z_r(M)$ is also faithful. If $M/Z_r(M)$ generates the category of right R -modules, then clearly M generates the category of right R -modules. Therefore we may assume that M is non-singular. The non-singularity of M implies that $\text{Hom}_R(M, Q) \neq 0$. While it is well known that $\text{Hom}_R(M, Q)$ is isomorphic to $\text{Hom}_Q(M \otimes_R Q, Q)$ as abelian groups. Hence $\text{Hom}_Q(M \otimes_R Q, Q) \neq 0$. Then [6, Proposition 1] say that $\text{Hom}_Q(M \otimes_R Q, Q)$ is a nonzero finitely generated left Q -module. Let f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n be a set of generators of $\text{Hom}_Q(M \otimes_R Q, Q)$ and set $I = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(M)$. We can write $I = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n,m} a_{ij}R$ for some $a_{ij} \in Q$.

Further we set $J = \{r \in R \mid ra_{ij} \in R\}$. Then we define an R -homomorphism $\varphi: R \rightarrow (Q/R)^{nm}$ by $\varphi(r) = ((ra_{ij}))_{i,j=1}^{n,m}$. Since $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = J$, we obtain an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow R/J \rightarrow (Q/R)^{nm}$. Therefore the condition (ii) implies that $Q = QJ$. We claim

that J is an essential left ideal of R . Choose f_i such that $f_i(M) \neq 0$. Then since $Q = QJ$, there exists an element r in J such that $ra_i \neq 0$. Hence $rf_i(M) = r(\sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}R) \neq 0$ and it is contained in R , so $\text{Hom}_R(M, R) \neq 0$. This proof is valid for all finitely generated non-singular right R -modules. Consequently, we see that the dual module of every non-zero finitely generated non-singular right R -module is not zero. Therefore it is easily seen that for any in-essential right ideal L , $l_R(L)$ is not zero. In this case [3, Theorem 3.15] shows that R is a left non-singular. Let K be a complement right ideal of J in R . Then an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow J \rightarrow J \oplus K \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$ implies the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Q \otimes_R J \rightarrow Q \otimes_R (J \oplus K) \rightarrow Q \otimes_R K \rightarrow 0$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ QJ & & QJ \oplus QK & & QK \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \\ Q & & Q & & \end{array}$$

Thus $QK = 0$, so J is an essential left ideal of R . Furthermore since $Q = QJ$, we can write that $1 = \sum_{i=1}^t q_i b_i$ for some $q_i \in Q$ and $b_i \in J$. Set $J' = \sum_{i=1}^t Rb_i$. Clearly $J' \subseteq J$ and $QJ' = Q$. Hence J' is also an essential left ideal of R . Next we set $H = \sum_{i=1}^t b_i I$. H is a finitely generated right ideal of R . We claim that $r_R(H) = 0$.

If $r_R(H)$ is not zero, then there exists a central idempotent e of R such that $r_R(H) = eR$ by the condition (iii). Note that $J' \cdot Ie = 0$. Hence $Ie = 0$ since R is left non-singular. This shows that $f_i(Me) = 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. We shall show that $Me = 0$. We assume not, then since Me is non-singular, $\text{Hom}_R(Me, R) \cong \text{Hom}_Q(Me \otimes_R Q, Q) \cong \text{Hom}_Q(M \otimes_R Qe, Q)$. Thus $\text{Hom}_Q(Me \otimes_R Q, Q)$ is a nonzero direct summand of $\text{Hom}_Q(M \otimes_R Q, Q)$. Therefore there exists a nonzero f_j such that $f_j(Me) \neq 0$. But this is impossible, so $Me = 0$. While since M is faithful, $e = 0$, hence $r_R(H) = 0$, as claimed. Thus H is a generator in the category of right R -modules by the condition (iii). It follows that M is also a generator in the category of right R -modules. Now the proof is complete.

REMARK. If R is a commutative semiprime ring, then the condition (iii) of (2) of Theorem 1 shows that R is a semihereditary ring and the condition (ii) implies that the total quotient ring of R coincides the maximal quotient ring of R . Hence the theorem of C. Faith follows from Theorem 1. Further, later, we shall give another characterization of commutative semiprime FPF-rings.

If R is a regular ring, the condition (ii) implies that R is a right self-injective. Furthermore, the conditions (i) and (iii) implies that R is isomorphic to a finite direct product of full matrix rings over abelian regular self-injective rings by [5, Corollary of Theorem 2]. Therefore the theorem of S. Page follows.

Next we consider semihereditary FPF-rings. If R is a commutative FPF-ring, then by Theorem 1, R is semihereditary. However, for arbitrary non-singular FPF-ring R , it is not known whether R is semihereditary. In this paper, we shall give a characterization of semihereditary FPF-rings, and by this characterization, we shall give a necessary and sufficient condition for non-singular FPF-rings to be semihereditary.

Theorem 2. *Let R be a ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) *R is right semihereditary and right FPF.*
- (2) (i) *R is right bounded and right non-singular.*
 (ii) *For any positive integer n , $(nR)_R$ has the extending property of modules for $L_r(nR)$.*
 (iii) *For any finitely generated idempotent right ideal I of R , there exists a central idempotent e of R such that $RI=eR$.*

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). (i) is clear by Lemma 3 and semihereditary of R . Next we show (ii). Since R is right semihereditary right FPF, Theorem 1 and [4, Theorem 5.18] show that all finitely generated non-singular right R -modules are projective. Given a positive integer n and any right submodule K of $(nR)_R$, then let K^* be the closure of K in $(nR)_R$. Now nR/K^* is a finitely generated non-singular right R -module, so K^* is a direct summand of $(nR)_R$. Hence $(nR)_R$ has the extending property of modules for $L_r(nR)$. In order to prove (iii), let I be a finitely generated idempotent right ideal of R . Then we show that $Tr_R(I)=RI$. Evidently, $RI \subseteq Tr_R(I)$. Let f be any element of the dual module I^* of I , and a be any element of I . Then since I is an idempotent right ideal of R , $a = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i c_i$ for some elements $b_i, c_i \in I$. Thus $f(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(b_i) c_i \in RI$, so $Tr_R(I)=RI$. While Theorem 1 shows that there exists a central idempotent e of R such that $Tr_R(I)=eR$. Therefore (iii) follows.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). First we show that any finitely generated non-singular right R -modules are projective. Let M be a finitely generated non-singular right R -module. Then we have an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow R^n \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ for some positive integer n . This implies that K is a closed submodule of $(nR)_R$, so K is a direct summand of $(nR)_R$. Hence M is projective. To prove that R is right FPF, it suffices to show that every finitely generated faithful non-singular right R -module is a generator in the category of right R -modules since R is right bounded. Let M be a finitely generated faithful non-singular right R -module. Then since M is projective, M^* , the dual module of M , is finite finitely generated. Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n be a set of generators of M and f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n be a set of generators of M^* . We set $I = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(M)$. Then I is projective, so we can write that $Tr_R(I) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n R g_i(a_j) R$ for some $g_i \in I^*$ and $a_j \in I$. Moreover by the Dual basis lemma, we see that $a_j =$

$\sum_{i=1}^k b_i g_i(a_j)$ for some $b_i \in I$. Set $J = \sum_{i,j=1}^m g_i(a_j)R$. Then $g_i(a_j) = g_i(\sum_{i=1}^k b_i g_i(a_j)) = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i(b_i)g_i(a_j) \in J^2$. Thus $J = J^2$. Therefore by the condition (iii), there exists a central idempotent e of R such that $RJ = eR$. Note that $Tr_R(J) = RJ$. Thus $RJ = Tr_R(J) = Tr_R(I)$. Next we show that $Tr_R(M) = Tr_R(I)$. Since $RI \subseteq Tr_R(I)$, it is clear that $Tr_R(M) \subseteq Tr_R(I)$. Let f be any nonzero element of I^* and a be any nonzero element of I . Then $a = \sum_{i,j=1}^n f_i(m_j)r_{ij}$ for some $r_{ij} \in R$. Hence $f(a) = f(\sum_{i,j=1}^n f_i(m_j)r_{ij}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n f(f_i(m_j))r_{ij}$. Observing that $ff_i \in \text{Hom}_R(M, R)$ for all i , we conclude that $f(a) \in Tr_R(M)$. Hence $Tr_R(M) = Tr_R(I)$. Therefore $Tr_R(M) = eR$. On the other hand, it is easily seen that $e = 1$ since M is faithful and projective. Thus M is a generator in the category of right R -modules.

Corollary 1. *Let R be a right semihereditary and right FPF-ring. Then R is left FPF if and only if R is left bounded.*

Proof. If R is left FPF, then clearly R is left bounded. Conversely, we assume that R is left bounded. Then by Lemma 2, it suffices to show that every finitely generated faithful non-singular left R -module is a generator in the category of left R -modules. Since by Theorem 2, all finitely generated non-singular right R -modules are projective, Theorem 1 and [4, Theorem 5.18] show that all finitely generated non-singular left R -modules are projective. Let M be a finitely generated faithful non-singular left R -module. Then M is projective. Further since M^* , the dual module of M , is also projective, we set $I = r_R(M^*)$ and choose any $r \in r_R(M^*)$. Then for any $f \in M^*$ and $m \in M$, $(fr)(m) = f(m)r = 0$. Hence $f(M) \cdot r_R(M^*) = 0$. Furthermore, $(r_R(M^*) \cdot f(M))^2 = 0$. Now since R is semiprime, $r_R(M^*) \cdot f(M) = 0$. Hence $f(r_R(M^*) \cdot M) = 0$. While since M is projective, so $r_R(M^*) \cdot M = 0$. Therefore $r_R(M^*)$ is zero since M is faithful. Hence M^* is a generator in the category of right R -modules since R is right FPF. In this case we have also that M is a generator in the category of left R -modules. Therefore R is left FPF.

Corollary 2. *Let R be a non-singular right FPF-ring. Then R is semihereditary if and only if for any positive integer n , nR has the extending property of modules for $L_r(nR)$.*

G. Bergman [1, Theorem 4.1] has proved that a commutative ring R is semihereditary if and only if

- (1) R is a P•P-ring, and
- (2) For any $M \in BS(R)$, R/MR is a Prüfer domain.

Therefore combining Theorem 2 with the theorem of G. Bergman, we have another characterization of commutative semiprime FPF-rings.

Corollary 3. *Let R be a commutative ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) *R is semiprime FPF-ring.*
- (2) *$R \oplus R$ has the extending property of modules for $L(R \oplus R)$ and for any $M \in BS(R)$, R/MR is a Prüfer domain.*

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). It is clear by Theorem 2 and the theorem of G. Bergman. (2) \Rightarrow (1). Let x be any element of Q , the maximal quotient ring of R , and set $M = xR + R$. Then M is faithful and projective since $R \oplus R$ has the extending property. While since there is an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow J \rightarrow R \oplus R \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$, where $J = \{r \in R \mid xr \in R\}$. Hence J is a direct summand of $R \oplus R$, so projective. Therefore clearly $JQ = Q$. In this case, [4, Theorem 5.18] shows that $Q \otimes_R Q \cong Q$, and Q is flat as a R -module. On the other hand, evidently, R is a P.P.-ring by the extending property of $R \oplus R$. Thus the theorem of G. Bergman and Theorem 1 show that R is a semiprime FPF-ring.

2. Examples

In this section, we present some examples to illustrate the idea of this paper.

EXAMPLE 1. There exists a non-singular ring such that right bounded, but not right FPF.

Proof. Let F be a field and let $F_n = F$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. We set $T = \prod_n F_n$ and $K = \sum_n \oplus F_n + F \cdot 1_T$. It is easily seen that T is a commutative regular self-injective ring. Since $S = \oplus F_n$ is an ideal of T , S is a regular ideal of K , and since $K/S \cong F$, K is a regular ring. Note that T is a maximal quotient ring of K . We set $R = \begin{pmatrix} K & S \\ K & K \end{pmatrix}$. It is clear that $Q = \begin{pmatrix} T & T \\ T & T \end{pmatrix}$ is a maximal right and left quotient ring of R . Hence R is a right and left non-singular ring. We show that R is right bounded. Let I be a right ideal of R . Then I is of the form, $I = \begin{pmatrix} A & AS \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$, where A, C, D are ideals of K such that $D \subseteq C$ and $CS = DS$. Thus I is an essential right ideal of R if and only if $A, D \subseteq_e R_R$. Now, if I is an essential right ideal of R , $J = \begin{pmatrix} (A \cap D) & (A \cap D)S \\ (A \cap D) & (A \cap D) \end{pmatrix}$ is clearly a two-sided ideal, and essential as a right ideal of R . Therefore R is right bounded. Next set $e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then $eR = \begin{pmatrix} K & S \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is a finitely generated faithful right ideal of

R . While $Tr_R(eR) = ReR = \begin{pmatrix} K & S \\ K & S \end{pmatrix} \neq R$, so eR is not a generator in the category of right R -modules. Therefore R is not right FPF.

EXAMPLE 2. There exists a non-singular ring R such that $Tr_R(M) \oplus r_R(M) = R$ (as ideals) for any finitely generated non-singular right R -module M , but not right FPF.

Proof. Choose fields F_1, F_2, \dots , set $R_n = M_n(F_n)$ for all $n=1, 2, \dots$, and set $T = \prod_n R_n$. Let M be a maximal two-sided ideal of T which contains $\sum_n \oplus R_n$. Then T/M be a simple right and left self-injective regular ring. Hence all finitely generated non-singular right T/M -modules are projective, so by [7, Lemma 1], $Tr_R(M) \oplus r_R(M) = R$ (as ideals) for any finitely generated non-singular right $R(=T/M)$ -module M . On the other hand, [5, Proposition 2] states that R is not right bounded. Thus by Theorem 1, R is not right FPF.

EXAMPLE 3. There exists a semihereditary ring such that the condition (i) and (iii) of (3) of Theorem 2 are satisfied, but not satisfy the condition (ii). (This example is due to H. Kambara).

Proof. Let F be a field and let $F_n = F$ for all $n=1, 2, \dots$. We set $T = \prod_n M_{2^n}(F_n)$ and set $(*) = \{x = (x_n) \in T \mid \text{there exists a positive integer } n, \text{ and for all}$

$$m \geq n, x_m = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{12^n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{2^{n-1}1} & \cdots & x_{2^{n-1}2^n} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where each } x_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{ij} & & 0 \\ 0 & a_{ij} & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_{ij} \end{pmatrix} \ (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n) \text{ and}$$

$x_n = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{2^n}$. Let R be a F -sub-algebra of T generated by $\oplus M_{2^n}(F_n)$ and $(*)$.

Note that R is a regular ring and T is a maximal right quotient ring of R . Then [5, Theorem 2] states that R is right bounded. Let x be an element of R . We may assume that $x \notin \oplus M_{2^n}(F_n)$. Then $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots)$, and $x_n =$

$$(a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{2^n} \text{ and } (0 \neq) x_{n+m} = (x_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{2^n}, \text{ and } x_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{ij} & & 0 \\ 0 & a_{ij} & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_{ij} \end{pmatrix} \ (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n).$$

Since $M_{2^n}(F_n)$ is a simple ring and $x_n \neq 0$, $M_{2^n}(F_n)x_nM_{2^n}(F_n) = M_{2^n}(F_n)$, so $M_{2^{n+m}}(F_{n+m})x_{n+m}M_{2^{n+m}}(F_{n+m}) = M_{2^{n+m}}(F_{n+m})$ for all $m=1, 2, \dots$. Thus $RxR = (M_2(F_1) \oplus \dots \oplus M_{2^n}(F_n), \dots)$. Set $e = (e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, 1, 1, 1, \dots)$, where $e_i = 1$ if $x_i \neq 0$, and $e_i = 0$ if $x_i = 0$. Clearly, e is a central idempotent of R , so $RxR = eR$. Therefore the condition (iii) is satisfied. While since R is not self-injective, the condition (ii) does not satisfy.

EXAMPLE 4. There exists a semihereditary ring R such that the condition (i) and (ii) of (3) of Theorem 2 are satisfied, but not satisfy the condition (iii).

Proof. Let F be a field and V be a countable, infinite dimensional vector space over F , and set $R = \text{End}_R(V)$, i.e. R is a right full linear ring. Hence R is a prime regular and right self-injective ring. By [5, Theorem 1], R is right bounded, but does not satisfy the condition (iii) by the proof of Corollary to [5, Theorem 2].

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